

City of Reading Charter Board

February 7, 2012- 7:00 pm
Penn Room

Members Present: Susan Gibson, John Slifko, Gerry Richter, Elizabeth Stanley

Members Absent: None

Members of Public and Invited Guests: None

I. Administration

- The Board's next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday February 21, 2012.
- Board Chair noted the resignation of member Barry Lloyd, effective January 30, 2012. Council and the administration have been notified of the resignation and pending vacancy. The Board notes the excellent service of Mr. Lloyd and accepts his resignation with regret.
- The Board Annual report for 2011 was issued and is currently posted on the Charter Boards web site for public viewing.

II. Education

- The Board will be scheduling comprehensive orientation for the newly seated council member and any interested members of the city team and/or public. Board members were asked to come prepared to set tentative dates for orientation at the next meeting.

III. Advisory

- Advisory Opinion #28 – a request was received from Councilor Donna Reed dated January 23, 2012, asking, in general, whether or not the Media and Communications Policy issued January 20, 2012 by Mayor Vaughn Spencer can be enforced, when the Communications Director is not an ordinance approved position.

The Board deliberated regarding the question presented and formatted a substantive outline to forward to the Board Solicitor. Vote on the opinion will occur at the next meeting, 2/21/12. The Opinion will be slated to issue 2/22/12.

IV. Enforcement

The Board chair noted that on January 25, 2012, Solicitor Charles Younger submitted his concise statement of errors complained of on appeal to Judge Sprecher. City Council has appealed the ruling of Judge Sprecher to the Commonwealth Court for Investigation #31. No further information has been received from the Commonwealth Court.

V. Closing –Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm